

RemarksDiscussion of the Amendments to the Claims,
Specification and Abstract

Claims 2-5 are allowed.

The Office Action states, "Claim 6-7 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph set forth in this Office action".

Claim 7 was only included in the above rejection because it depends from claim 6. Accordingly, the discussion hereinafter is directed to claim 6.

The second paragraph on page 2 of the Office Action states that claim 6 specifies "...said counterpressure is 0.4 to 0.7 of the magnitude of the initial pressure" is stated in a manner which is inconsistent with the recitation on page 6, lines 15 and 16 of the specification and in the Abstract. Claim 6 and the Abstract are amended to state that the pressure under discussion is generated by said pump which is recited in the specification, page 6, lines 15-16 and is supported by the relevant disclosure in the specification and consideration of Fig. 1.

In subparagraphs (a) and (b) at the bottom of page 2 of the Office Action, ambiguity in claim 6 and also insufficient proper antecedent basis for specified terminology is set forth as part of the reasons for the rejection. Claim 6 has been amended to remove the ambiguity and to provide antecedent basis for the terms under discussion.

The objection set forth in subparagraph (c) to the term "like" is avoided by deletion of the term "like".

The objection set forth in subparagraph (d) is obviated by replacing the term "feed pressure" with "pressure generated by a pump".

The Abstract is amended so that it is consistent with claim 6 and page 6 of the specification.

The amendment to the Abstract is discussed hereinbefore.

The amendment to page 6, line 5 is the obvious correction of an obvious error, taking into consideration the disclosure on page 9, line 9 and the designation number in Fig. 1.

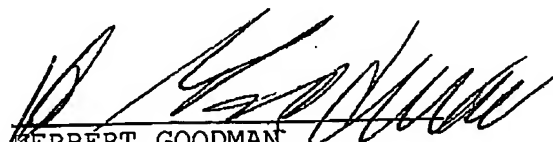
The amendment to page 7 of the specification, lines 4-6 is the insertion of subject matter which was inadvertently dropped from the English language translation which became the present specification. The amendment to page 7, line 21, i.e. changing "5" to "0.5" corrects an inadvertent typographical error.

The Examiner is thanked for her detailed analysis of the claims and specification.

Entry of the present Amendment and allowance is solicited.

If the Examiner has any further objections and/or suggestions, it is requested that she telephone the undersigned at (212) 319-4900 and every effort will be made to resolve the further objections.

Respectfully submitted,



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